

BLOW AT SHIPPING DEAL BY WAR ALLIES HAS AROUSED UNITED STATES

BLOCKADE ON
COMMERCE IS
TO BE FOUGHT

New British-French Move
Will Bring Vigorous
American Protest

IS VIOLATION OF RULES

Regarded as Most Far-Reach-
ing Development of War—
See Irreparable Harm.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The United States will send a note to Great Britain and France in answer to the one received yesterday inquiring what means are to be taken in carrying out the policy of holding up supplies being carried to and from Germany. The British-French note outlined in general terms a policy, but did not define means of carrying it into effect.

The president refused to discuss the subject in detail, but said no nation had the right to change the rules of warfare because the methods of war have been changed. He indicated the United States will not change its previously announced position, but will continue to make efforts to have belligerents respect American shipping of non-combatant character. Wilson said it was not clear in his own mind whether the new action of the British and French governments established a blockade of Germany, although that would be the general effect of the order. He indicated even though a real blockade were established, no questions affecting the neutrality of the United States would be precipitated by continued voyages of American ships to Germany.

An Unprecedented Step.
The British-French note commanded attention in official and diplomatic circles. It was considered virtually certain a vigorous protest would be made against what was regarded as an unprecedented step. It is looked upon here as one of the most far-reaching developments of the war and calculated to work irreparable harm to commerce between the United States and nations with which she is at peace. Great Britain's assertion that yesterday's announcement is not her reply to the informal American proposals to the belligerents looking to unlimited shipment of foodstuffs to civilian populations and seeking elimination of submarine warfare on merchantmen and indiscriminate laying of mines, gave hope that the retaliatory measure might be temporary only.

The president made it clear, however, that for American ships to sail for Germany would involve no violation of neutrality, but merely the usual risk of the owner of the vessel and cargo in legal proceedings.

The joint note was discussed by the president and cabinet. The disposition was to stand against continued interference with American shipping.

MANY CAUGHT IN
MINE EXPLOSION

HUNDRED SIXTY MEN BELIEVED
AT WORK WHEN ACCIDENT
OCCURRED.

Hinton, W. Va., March 2.—There was an explosion in a mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company three miles from Thurmond at 8:30 today. The mine connects with another mine, each employing 80 men, all of whom were believed to have been in the pits when the explosion occurred. Rescue parties were organized and fans set going 15 minutes after the explosion, but at 10:30 none of the miners had been brought up. A rescue car was ordered from Glenlawn, W. V.

Rescuers penetrated the main drift 100 feet and found an unidentified miner lying but unconscious. His legs are broken and he probably will die. The mine where the explosion occurred is high up on a mountain.

Alton, Ill.—One man was killed and three others injured seriously in an automobile accident which was caused by the unsuccessful attempt of the machine's driver to avoid running over a Scotch collie dog. The automobile skidded, ran into a curb and overturned, pinning the occupants beneath it. William Snyder, a retired merchant, is dead. His son, William Snyder, Jr., E. A. Henney, a salesman, and John Schnadly, a railroad engineer, were the injured.

IS IT BODY OF A
GALESBURG MAN

CLERK OF WOODMEN CAMP IN-
QUIRES REGARDING REMAINS
FOUND IN CASE BARN.

Knox County Citizen Said To Be
Missing After Trip to Rock Island
Two Weeks Ago.

That the remains of the man found in the case barn on Twelfth street 10 days ago were those of a Galesburg man is the latest theory to be advanced. It comes from O. W. Walke, clerk of Galesburg camp No. 667, M. W. A., who in a letter to Chief of Police O. M. Risant of Moline expresses the belief that the man may have been a member of his camp who is missing. The name of this party is not given and no description of him is enclosed.

Coroner R. C. J. Meyer was out of the city today but on his return the letter will be given to him so that he can forward a description of the body to Galesburg.

It seems that the missing man left home for Rock Island about two weeks ago, expecting to return in a few days. He has not been heard from since. The fact that the coat on the body bore the label of O. T. Johnson, a Galesburg clothing merchant, is the only clue which has any real bearing upon the case.

Cannot Be Recognized.
The fact that the face of the body had been gnawed by rats has complicated the problem of identifying it, there being nothing in the pockets of the clothing to throw any light on the question. About two weeks ago a strange dog was seen about the barn and it is in that vicinity still. Some believe that the animal was the property of the dead man.

Mutilation inflicted by the rats makes it impossible to learn whether the throat had been cut, indicating suicide.

USE OF WHIP WAS
RUNAWAY'S CAUSE

TESTIMONY OF WITNESS OF VAN-
DELDE TRAGEDY GIVEN
AT THE INQUEST.

Condition of VanLaethen, Who Was
Hurt Trying to Stop Team,
Is Improved.

That Seraphien Vande Velde of Moline, who was killed in a runaway on Thirty-ninth street in Rock Island Monday, was himself partly responsible for the accident was the testimony of witnesses at the inquest held Monday afternoon at the Danielson & Ford undertaking rooms in Moline. Mrs. Emil P. Loran, 1403 Thirty-ninth street, testified that the horses did not start to run because of fright, but because the driver was using the whip upon them.

Mrs. Loran was the principal witness. H. L. Grubbs, 1115 Thirty-ninth street, Rock Island, was the first to reach Vande Velde after he fell to the pavement, and testified he was in a dying condition when he was picked up. The verdict was one of death caused by a runaway.

VanLaethen Improves.

Cyril VanLaethen's condition today was reported as improved. He is expected to recover from the injuries he sustained when he attempted to stop the runaway team. He passed a good night at St. Anthony's hospital, being conscious today.

Born in Belgium.

Mr. Vande Velde was born in Flanders, Belgium, in 1872. He came to Moline in 1891 and was married to Leonie De Blaere, who, besides six children, survives. The children are: Minnie, Jennie, Mary, Clara, Martin and Robert, all at home; his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Alois Gheysens of Detroit, Mrs. Victor Landeyt of Joslin, and Mrs. Charles Van DeGent of East Moline, and a brother Edward of Moline. Deceased had been farming near Joslin 12 years.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in St. John's church at Rapids City. Rev. Hogen will have charge and burial will be in the Rapids City cemetery.

PRESIDENT ASKS
PASSPORT PROBE

UNITED STATES CANNOT ACT
UNLESS INDICTMENTS ARE
RETURNED.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—President Wilson revealed today that he had directed the present New York grand jury investigation of alleged passport frauds. It was indicated, however, that unless indictments were returned the United States could not take notice officially of the charge against diplomatic officers or embassy attaches.

GREENE GETS
HOUSE PLACE
AFTER COUNT

Republican Wins in Con-
test With Democrat
in Thirty-fourth

NEW RULES APPROVED

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout on the
Scene to Fight Against Sur-
frage Law Repeal.

(The text of Gov. Dunne's two mes-
sages, delivered to the legislature to-
day, are printed on page 3 of this issue
of The Argus—Editor.)

Springfield, Ill., March 2.—Prepared to receive two special messages from Governor Dunne dealing with regulation of lobbyists and urging immediate passage of a foot and mouth appropriation, the legislature reconvened today after a recess of nearly two weeks. The house met at 10 and the senate will meet at 8 tonight.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, head of the Illinois Woman's Suffrage association, arrived from Chicago to work against the passage of a bill repealing the woman suffrage law passed by the last general assembly.

The senate expects to hold perfunctory sessions until recounts are completed in two contested Cook county districts, which probably will be some time next week.

After hearing the governor's messages, the house seated Ewald Greene, republican, of Greensboro from the contested Thirty-fourth district. Greene yesterday was declared elected over Robert Howard, democrat, of Mattoon, by a special committee which recounted the ballots in question.

The house took up the question of what rules it shall use during the session. Under rules presented by the committee on rules, 77 members could change the order of business, either regular or special, at any time.

Time for Offering Bills.

The principal change recommended is the granting of authority to the speaker to reserve any bill or resolution of general state importance, or in case of emergency, for consideration in committee of whole of the house. A vote of 77 members, however, may compel reference of any such measure to its appropriate committee. The rules committee is empowered to report a special order for any day, which may be changed by 77 votes. Three weeks from the date of adoption of the house rules is allowed for introduction of bills. Thereafter bills may be introduced only on Tuesdays or by standing committees. Five members, at any time, may ask for a change in the order of business, which must be taken on affirmative vote of 77 members.

After a short debate the house by a vote of 142 to 1, adopted the rules proposed by the rules committee. The house then adjourned until 10 tomorrow morning.

CLYDE STRIKERS RESUME

Government Influence Felt in Settling
of Labor Troubles.

London, March 2.—Many of the striking laborers at the Clyde engineering works resumed work today, in accordance with instructions issued by the government. These labor troubles threatened to interfere seriously with the supplying of equipment and war material for the troops in the field, and the government took a hand in their settlement on the basis of national necessity. It is expected confidently that all the strikers will be back at work not later than Wednesday.

Young Corn Growers Meet President.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The president today shook hands with 39 boys and girls, champion corn growers from Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts. Earl Veller of Cooper, Iowa, who raised 139 bushels on an acre, was especially commended by the president.

Rockton, Ill.—Hundreds of persons living along the Rock river in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin have perished their health by eating carp taken from the river within the last two weeks. Thousands of the fish were found floating on the surface of the water at the headwaters of the dams. It was believed they had been stunned by dynamite blasts and therefore were not unfit for food. When a number of persons became ill, however, an investigation was made, and it was found that the fish had been killed by acids or other foreign substances.

Aurora Murderer Baffles Police: Three Girls Slain



Miss Emma Peterson (left), Chief of Police Michels of Aurora; Theresa Hollander, a former victim, and weapon used to murder Miss Jennie Miller, who was killed in Aurora November 19, 1914.

Laying aside all questions of robbery or revenge as possible motives, the murderer of Miss Emma Peterson at Aurora, Ill., will go down in the annals of crime as a master criminal, cold blooded, calculating, inhuman. Thus far there is no definite clue as to his identity, but it is believed Miss Peterson's murderer is the same fiend who killed Theresa Hollander in Aurora in February, 1914, and Miss Jennie Miller in the same town, Nov. 19 last.

DEAF MUTE HELD
IN MURDER CASE

CLAYTON MILLER TO BE QUIZZED
IN CONNECTION WITH AU-
RORA MYSTERY.

Aurora, Ill., March 2.—Clayton Miller, 24, a deaf mute, arrested last night in La Salle, Ill., after jumping from behind a tree and with a club giving chase to a woman, will be questioned today by Chief of Police Michels in connection with the murder last Thursday of Miss Emma Peterson.

La Salle police say Miller was taken after a desperate struggle in which four policemen beat him into unconsciousness. In a general way he is said to answer the description of a tall man with long overcoat sought as the murderer of both Miss Peterson and Jennie Miller, daughter of a former mayor, slugged to death last November.

WILSON ABANDONS PLAN
FOR EXTRA SENATE MEET

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The president today stated definitely he had abandoned plans for an extra session of the senate immediately after March 4, and has not seriously considered the suggestion of a special session of congress in October.

Decatur, Ill.—Judge W. G. Cochran, former speaker of the Illinois house of representatives, has announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection as circuit court judge in Monticello county. For 15 years Judge Cochran has been on the circuit bench and is one of the best known jurists in the state.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Probably rain or snow tonight or Wednesday, not much change in temperature with the lowest tonight near freezing; fresh winds.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 33. Highest yesterday 41, lowest last night 30.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 5 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 72, at 7 a. m. 78.

Stage of water 7.2 a fall of .3 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Jupiter, Venus, Mercury.

The War Today

The attack of the Anglo-French fleet on the Dardanelles has been interrupted by unfavorable weather, but Athens states before operations were suspended two Turkish forts at the narrowest part of the straits had been silenced. It is stated that a Turkish army of 100,000 is massed on the peninsula for the defense of Constantinople.

Renewed attacks by French in the Champagne district were repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy, Berlin officially announced today. At some places there were hand-to-hand encounters. In Argonne several trenches, 80 prisoners and five mine throwers were taken. French losses were especially heavy yesterday evening east of Colles in Vosges.

Russian night attacks northwest of Lomza and east of Plack were repulsed. In Poland Petrogram says the Russians are on the offensive on the entire front. Around Przemyśl Germans are said to have been defeated decisively and forced back across the border.

Today's French statement claims progress at several points and asserts the Germans lost very heavily.

GOVERNMENT REVENUES
TOUCH A NEW HIGH MARK

Washington, D. C., March 2.—For the first time since July government revenues for a month of the present fiscal year have beaten the pace set during the fiscal year 1914.

During February the treasury department received in revenue from all sources \$43,636,272, compared with receipts in February, 1914, of \$43,638,857. Ordinary expenditures, however, amounted to \$56,137,624, leaving a net deficit for the month of about \$12,500,000. The excess of ordinary disbursements for the eight months of the fiscal year which ended yesterday over receipts for that period amounted to \$83,356,622.

Customs receipts for February amounted to \$14,393,395, or about \$2,200,000 less than last February. Internal receipts ran up to \$24,625,639, or about \$2,300,000 more than last February. Much of this increase was due to returns from the emergency tax.

The net balance in the treasury's general fund at the end of February was \$42,636,065 and the total cash assets in the treasury \$1,195,859,376.

Wheat Lower.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—Wheat today closed 1 1/2 to 5 1/2 lower.

Rumors Turkey was about to sue for peace had much to do with the setback in wheat prices.

Mount Vernon, Ill.—All efforts to locate Will Hollman, aged 52, who has been missing from his home in Christopher, have been futile. His clothing was found near a small lake and this body of water will be dragged. He left a note stating that he would commit suicide, being despondent on account of ill health.

RIVER BILL IS TO
BE FURTHER CUT

MISSISSIPPI PROJECTS TO BE
GOVERNED BY PLANS OF
COMMISSION.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Administration democrats agreed today on a program to cut the rivers and harbors bill to \$25,000,000, to be expended by the war department for present projects. Work on the Mississippi from the head of the passes to the mouth of the Ohio will be done in accordance with the plans of the Mississippi river commission.

Conferees on the naval bill agreed on two battleships, two submarines of ocean-going type, 16 coast defense submarines, and six or more torpedo boat destroyers.

The conference report on the administration ship bill brought into the house today was immediately confronted by a republican filibuster and the up-shot was the republicans and democrats agreed to vote on the bill at 4:30 today.

RECALL MILITARY AGENT

Americans Summon Major Langhorne
Home from Berlin.

Berlin, via London, March 2.—Major George T. Langhorne, military attaché at the American embassy, has been recalled to Washington for duty with the general staff, and was received by the emperor today with a farewell audience.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph E. Kuhn, one of the American army officers who have been observing the war at the German front, will act as military attaché until the arrival of Major Langhorne's successor.

PUT BANKERS IN VAULT;
GET AWAY WITH \$1,500

Williamsville, Mo., March 2.—The president, the cashier and three directors, one of them a woman of the Williamsville State Bank were locked in the bank vault yesterday afternoon by two masked robbers, who escaped with loot of about \$1,500 in cash. Bloodhounds and a large posse immediately started in pursuit of the men.

WAR STARTED ON
CHICAGO SALOON

CAMPAIN TO MAKE CITY DRY IN
1916 IS LAUNCHED AT A
MEETING.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—Plans for a campaign to oust 7,000 saloons from Chicago in 1916 were discussed today at the opening of temperance headquarters here. Three hundred churches, 24 temperance and kindred societies pledged their support.

BOMB TERROR
REIGN NIPPED
IN NEW YORK

Anarchists Had Planned to
Kill Wealthy Men and
Destroy Banks

CATHEDRAL IS MARKED

Detectives Trample Fuse After
It Had Been Lighted in
St. Patrick's.

New York, March 2.—An attempt to blow up St. Patrick's cathedral with a bomb today and the arrest of two men by detectives who had been informed for months of their activities was followed by the announcement at police headquarters that the arrests had balked an anarchist plot to kill with bombs Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other wealthy men.

Thereafter, anarchists, according to the police, were to inaugurate in New York City a reign of terror comparable only to the days of the French revolution. It was the plot, the police assert, for gangs of men armed with rifles and revolvers, to appear simultaneously in various parts of the city and shoot and pillage. The biggest banks were to be blown up and many wealthy men were to be slain.

The wrecking of the cathedral was to be the opening for an elaborate campaign of murder and looting. The next move was to place bombs in the homes of Carnegie, Rockefeller and Cornelius Vanderbilt. So far and the plot progressed, the police say, that the manufacture of bombs had been started. With these and other capitalists disposed of, the anarchists planned, the police claim, to invade the financial district and lay bombs in the city's biggest banks. General looting was to follow.

For months Frank Baldo, a Central office detective, worked in the inner circle of anarchists, according to the police, and kept the detective bureau advised of all its plans. Baldo assisted in the manufacture of the bomb with which an attempt was made today to blow up the cathedral. He accompanied the bomb-thrower to the edifice and sat with him while he lighted the bomb and hurled it at the altar. Immediately the cathedral, in which 500 persons sat at worship, became alive with detectives, whose presence was unexpected by the bomb-carrier. Baldo, sitting beside him, placed him under arrest, and detectives in a pew behind dashed into the aisle and stamped out the sputtering fuse.

All Over Quickly.
The congregation hardly realized what had happened when it was all over. There was no panic. The alleged bomb-thrower said he was Frank Adarno, aged 24, a lithographer. Soon after detectives, acting on information given by Baldo, arrested Charles Carbone, a boy of 18, charged with complicity in the plot and helping to make the bomb.

When Adarno entered the cathedral door with the bomb in a package under his coat and Baldo at his side, he walked on a stage whose every setting was placed there by detectives. Two women on their knees in the vestibule through which he passed were in reality detectives. A white-wigged priest whom they met at the door and who took them to a seat near the front close to the altar was a sergeant of police. Baldo lived with the anarchists since last December.

Belong to Bressi Group.

The bomb, the deadliest ever seen by Inspector Egan of the bureau of combustibilities, was made from scrap iron inside a plaster paris body. Most of the iron was knobby, wrenched from fences of the city's wealthy residents. According to the police the plot centralized in a group of anarchists known as the Bressi group, so named because of admiration of its members expressed for Gaetano Bressi, who killed King Humbert of Italy in 1900. Baldo, the detective informant, is being detained at police headquarters, technically under arrest. Police Commissioner Woods refused to discuss this phase.

EXECUTE 200 CIVILIANS
IN A RECAPTURED TOWN

Lemberg, Galicia, March 2.—When the Austrians recaptured the town of Stanislav, in Galicia, they executed 200 civilians for alleged offenses against the state, according to trustworthy information. Hundreds of prisoners, including Bosnians and Turks, are arriving daily in Lemberg from the south, many with their limbs partly frozen. All except Germans are half clothed and their feet tied in rags.